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FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS (FEHB) OPEN SEASON FOR 2004 10 NOVEMBER – 8 DECEMBER 2003

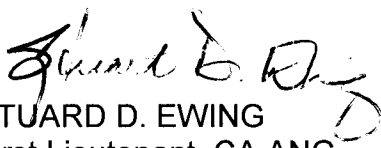
1. Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Open Season is 10 November through 8 December 2003. New enrollments, changes to current enrollments, and changes to premium conversion elections made during open season will become effective **the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after 1 January 2004 (11 January 2004)**. If you change plans and need medical services before the effective date of your open season enrollment, contact your old plan. Please remember that, although the new enrollments are not effective until 11 January 2004, the new plan benefits are effective 1 January 2004. Between 1 January 2004 and 11 January 2004, your old plan will provide coverage according to the new contract. These expenses will count toward your prior year's deductible.
2. The 2004 FEHB Guides and health plan brochures are available on the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) website (www.opm.gov/insure). If you (or your supervisor) are unable to obtain a copy of the 2004 FEHB Guide or health plan brochures from the website, contact your remote designee or the Directorate for Human Resources, Ms. Sharon Costello, Customer Services, at DSN 466-3158, CAGNET 63158 or (916) 854-3158.
3. Technicians who wish to enroll or change their FEHB enrollment must complete Federal Employees Health Benefits Registration Form (Standard Form (SF) 2809). The SF-2809 is available on the OPM website, or you may contact your remote designee or Ms. Sharon Costello to receive a copy. **The SF-2809 must be received in the Directorate for Human Resource on or before close of business on the last day of open season.**

4. Technicians currently enrolled will receive a brochure and notice of 2004 rates from their current plan. Be sure to review the section of the brochure that describes how benefits have changed for 2004. By regulation, technicians enrolled in plans that stop participating in the FEHB Program for the next contract year and do not change enrollment during open season are considered to have canceled their plan in which enrolled and their health benefits will end.

5. Enclosed is a list of FEHB changes for California health plan providers.

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PLANS DROPPING OUT OF THE FEHB PROGRAM FOR 2004

Employees in these plans who do not change health plans during open season will not have health benefits for 2004.

| State | Plan Name | Code |
|------------|--------------------------------|------|
| California | Cigna HealthCare of California | 9T |

PLANS REDUCING THEIR SERVICE AREAS WITHOUT TERMINATING AN ENROLLMENT CODE

Enrollees in the area being dropped who do not change health plans during open season will have to travel to their plan's remaining service area to obtain medical care in order to receive full benefits from the plan in 2004.

| State | Plan Name | Code | Area Dropped |
|------------|--------------------------|------|---|
| California | Aetna Health, Inc. | 2X | <u>Partial county:</u> Riverside County - Town of Moreno Valley |
| California | Health Net of California | LB | <u>Entire County:</u> San Luis Obispo County |

NEW PLANS ENTERING THE PROGRAM FOR 2004

| State | Plan Name | Code | General Location |
|------------|---|------|---|
| California | Aetna Health Fund (Consumer Driven Plan) | 22 | <u>Cities:</u> Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco <u>Entire Counties:</u> Alameda, Amador, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo, and Yuba |

SERVICE AREA EXPANSIONS WITHOUT NEW ENROLLMENT CODES

| State | Plan Name | Code | General Location of New Area |
|------------|--------------------|------|--|
| California | Aetna Health, Inc. | 2X | <u>City:</u> San Diego <u>Entire Counties:</u> San Diego and San Luis Obispo |

PLAN NAME CHANGES

| State | Plan Name (Old) | Code | Plan Name (New) |
|------------|-----------------|------|--------------------------|
| California | Health Net | LB | Health Net of California |